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REMARKS

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Between 26 July and 11 August 1955, there was air activity by jet fighters. **The weather was suitable for flying.** Air activity included flying in formations of two, three and four aircraft, diving, air combat training, and high altitude flights. Up to 10 jet fighters were simultaneously aloft over the vicinity of Altenburg. Such flights lasted for 15 to 20 minutes. Some local flights by single engine aircraft were also seen. On 27 July, 4 helicopters took off and headed toward the west. No construction details could be observed because of the distance but it was noted that they had the shape of a banana.

Comment. It is assumed that Altenburg airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments. To date, the only helicopters seen in the GDR have been type 36s.

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